



Heartland District Enforcement Update



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Exclusive Economic Zone Enforcement



Fiscal Year	2022	2023	2024	2025
Interdictions	87	53	57	47
Red Snapper (lbs)	12,524	5,895	12,376	15,859

- Comments:
 - The Heartland District continues to make the Lancha mission a priority.
 - Lancha incursion detections have reduced since cases have been referred for criminal prosecution under the Lacey Act.
- Mission Highlights:
 - The District has referred 6 cases to the Assistant United State’s Attorney’s office for prosecution under the Lacey act.
 - 13 June 2025, USCG Station South Padre Island and CGC DANIEL TARR interdicted two lanchas carrying 4 persons each and a total of 1134 lbs of red snapper. All 8 persons were referred for prosecution under the Lacey act.
 - Of the 25 individuals referred for prosecution, 11 have plead guilty.





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Domestic Fisheries Enforcement



Fiscal Year	2024	2025
Boardings	621	487
Significant Violations	9	9

- FY25 overview:
 - With a heavy emphasis on the lancha mission our smaller patrol boats and stations have taken a larger share of the domestic fisheries mission.
- Most common violations:
 - Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs)
 - Net violations
 - By-Catch Reduction Devices (BRDs)

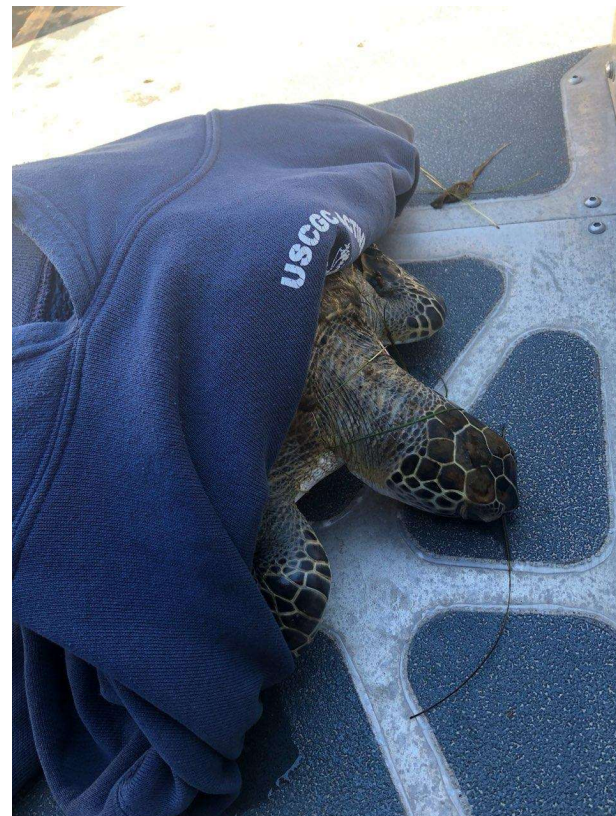




Marine Protected Resources



Fiscal Year	2024	2025
Requests for Assistance	4	1
Interactions	4	1





Questions?

